

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16 are cancelled. Claims 24, 25, and 27-31 are withdrawn. Claims 32-39 are new to this application.

In the Office Action dated August 5, 2010, the Examiner requested restriction between Group I (Claims 14-23, 25, and 26) drawn to an immunological method, Group II (Claim 24) drawing a diagnostic method for detection of a disease, and Group III (Claims 27-31) drawn to a method of screening compounds that interact with myeloperoxidase.

Applicants believe the inclusion of claim 14 in Group I is an error because claim 14 was previously cancelled. Applicants elect Group I (claims 15-23, 25, and 26) for prosecution.

The Office Action further required election of a species and a subspecies of use. As the species and subspecies listed in the Office Action at page 2 and 3 appear to correspond to non-elected claim 24 (Group II), Applicants believe the election of a species and subspecies does not pertain to Group I. However, if such election is required, Applicants elect Species A (for the detection of diseases or conditions) and "chronic or acute inflammatory disease" as the subspecies.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

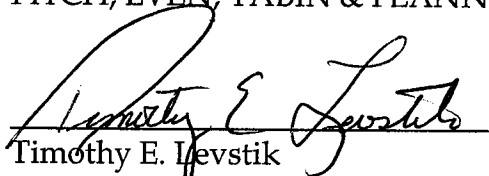
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this Application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully requested,

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